

REMARKS

Claims 3-9, 11-13, 16, 21-22, and 27-30 remain pending in this application.

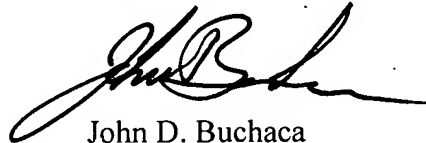
Claims 1-2, 10, 14-15, 17-20, 23-26, and 31 have been cancelled.

Claim 3-9, 11-13, 16, 21 and 22 have been allowed.

Claims 27-30 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim (Office Action dated 09/09/2004, page 4, line 14). Claim 27 has been amended to include all the limitation of its cancelled base claim and should therefore put Claims 27-30 to be in condition for allowance.

Since all of the objections raised in the most recent office action have been addressed, Applicant respectfully requests early allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



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